

To Teach:

The Journey, in Comics

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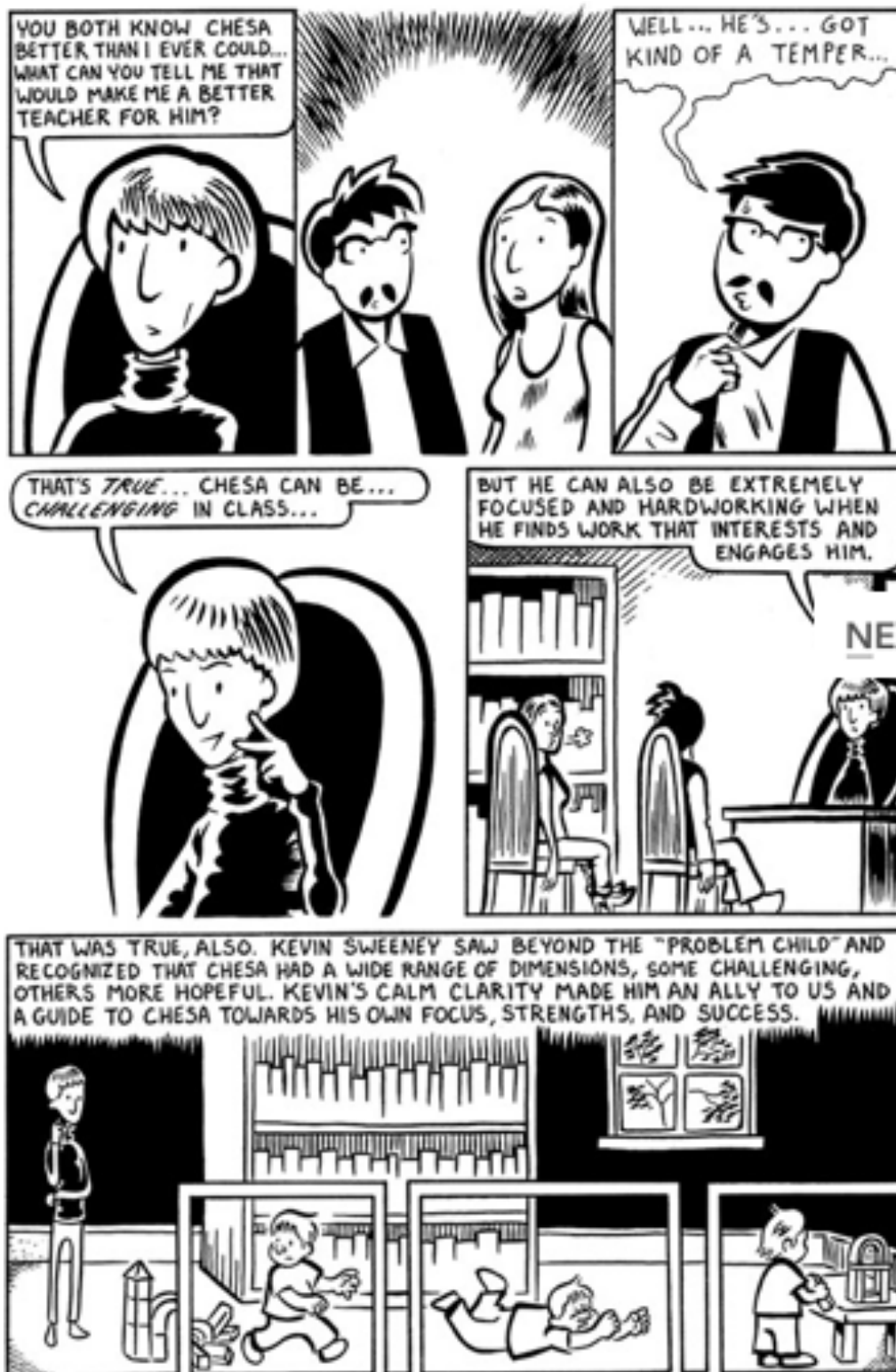
Unlike most of the options for TEED 540, Ayer's book does not contain (m)any practical points for making your classroom run smoothly.

Instead, Ayers is very philosophical and gets at the core of what it means to love, inspire, guide, and learn from children.

The two pages of the book that I am sharing here show one of my favorite moments. Since I know that they know their children better than anyone and have an enormous impact on their child's success, I view parents as partners in the educational process. This section stood out to me because it showed me an attitude with which to approach conferences with the parents of children who particularly challenge me.

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I want to be like Kevin Sweeney and truly recognize the gifts that each individual student brings. Without seeing those, it's impossible to enter into a conversation with a parent and demonstrate that you are really on the same side. Parents know that their children deserve to be around people who appreciate their unique qualities.

Check out this book when you need some refreshing inspiration and a reminder about why you entered this profession in the first place.